

Commemorative wooden nickels and Confederate bill facsimile S2228

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Title	Commemorative wooden nickels and Confederate bill facsimile
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Extent	0.01 Cubic feet 1 folder
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Historical Note

The city of Decatur was founded in 1836 by Samuel Rugg in Adams County, Indiana. Residents of the city celebrated its centennial July 24-28, 1936. Wabash County, Indiana was first established in 1833, but was not politically organized until 1835. The county celebrated its centennial August 2-8, 1936. Both Decatur and Wabash counties celebrated with parades, pageants, religious services, exhibits, and other activities and also distributed "wooden nickel" souvenirs that could be redeemed for 5 cents from the respective Centennial Associations.

From April 11 to April 22, 1961, L.S. Ayres and Company in Indianapolis, Indiana hosted the U.S. Civil War Centennial Exhibit in their auditorium. The exhibit included a section about Abraham Lincoln, Civil War weapons, a map of Morgan's Raid in Indiana, and letters, diaries, and currency from the war. Ayres distributed facsimiles of a five hundred dollar Confederate bill as a memento.

Sources:

Information found within collection.

"Ayres Plans Civil War Exhibit." *Indianapolis Star* (IN), April 6, 1961.

"Centennial to be Opened On Wednesday." *Wabash Daily Plain Dealer* (IN), July 22, 1935.

"City's Greatest Celebration Opens Next Sunday; Will Run For Seven Consecutive Days." *Decatur Daily Democrat* (IN), July 27, 1936.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes three "wooden nickel" certificates created to commemorate the Wabash County, Indiana Centennial (1935) and the Decatur, Indiana Centennial (1936). The collection also contains a facsimile of a five hundred dollar Confederate note memento from the Civil War Centennial Exhibit held at the L.S. Ayres & Company auditorium in Indianapolis from April 11 to April 22, 1961.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Advertisements
- Coins
- Tokens

Geographic Name(s)

- Decatur County (Ind.)
- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865
- Wabash County (Ind.)

Subject(s)

- Advertising
- Anniversaries
- Centennial celebrations, etc
- Confederate money
- Memorabilia
- Money